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7 **INTERVIEW WITH**  
8 **Q=Sgt. Carrasco**  
9 **Q1=Sgt. Brown**  
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14 Q: Go on, have a seat right there, please. Okay. So my name is Sergeant  
15 Carrasco. This is my partner Sergeant Brown.

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17 A: Hey.

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19 Q: What's your name?  
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23 Q:

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25 A: Yes, sir.  
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27 Q: Okay. So, we're gonna interview you real quick. It's  
28 very important that we don't talk over each other 'cause this interview later  
29 might get transcribed. And I've been told before that when we talk over each  
30 other, it's very hard for people to...  
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32 A: Yeah.  
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34 Q: ...understand. So I'm gonna ask you a question, and then I'll wait for you to  
35 answer, and then I'll wait for you to finish. Okay?  
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37 A: All right, bro.  
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39 Q: How long have you been in - housed in 6B?  
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41 A: About 3-1/2 months.  
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43 Q: Excellent. And what cell do you currently occupy?  
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45 A: Uh, cell three.  
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47 Q: And is that on the top tier or the bottom tier?  
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49 A: That is the bottom tier.  
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51 Q: Bottom.  
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53 A: Far left.  
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55 Q: And do you have a roommate?  
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57 A: No. Single-cell.  
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59 Q: So no roommate. Um, are you aware of the, uh, incident that  
60 ha- occurred, uh, last Thursday morning about the death in the unit?  
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62 A: Yes.  
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64 Q: And were you interviewed by a Sheriff's Investigator about that?  
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66 A: Yes, I was.  
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68 Q: Okay. After you were interviewed by that Sheriff's Investigator, has anybody  
69 talked to you about the incident?  
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71 A: No. As in, uh, like in the Sheriff's Department or detained or...  
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73 Q: No, anybody like another inmate, a nurse, uh, mental health staff.  
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75 A: No, not at all.  
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77 Q: How about any staff - correctional staff?  
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79 A: No.  
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81 Q: They've never asked you any questions?  
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83 A: Mm-mm.  
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85 Q: Okay. Has anybody in the unit come up to you and asked you any questions  
86 about things that have been going on in the unit since the death?  
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88 A: No, it's just - nobody ask me anything, but just - just talk around the, I mean,  
89 it's the number one topic in the whole unit, you know.  
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91 Q: What are some of the things that have been said?  
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93 A: Shoot, uh, man, the correction officers are washed. Uh, they murdered him.  
94 Just - just what we've been hearing on the news. You know? It's just -  
95 everybody just givin' their feedbacks on it and just, you know, just talkin'  
96 about everything that's goin' on the news.  
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98 Q: Okay. And there's a television in your unit?  
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100 A: Yes.  
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102 Q: How many?  
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104 A: There - there are two.  
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106 Q: And on some of those - on the televisions are there, uh, news reports?  
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108 A: Yeah.  
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110 Q: You guys watched the news or is it just...  
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112 A: Yeah.  
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114 Q: ...movies or...  
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116 A: Yeah, it's movies, news.  
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118 Q: Okay.  
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120 A: Uh, just normally, like, set, like, we'll watch, uh, if there's games on, we'll  
121 watch a game.  
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123 Q: Okay.  
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125 A: Um, right before the shift change we'll put on the news So then were updated  
126 on what's goin' on on the streets.

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128 Q: So would it be fair to say that, um, since the time of the incident - the death  
129 incident, um, a televi- a television has been on and the news has come on and  
130 talked about that?  
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132 A: Yeah.  
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134 Q: Okay.  
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136 A: Yes.  
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138 Q: And do you guys get the daily newspaper in there?  
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140 A: Uh, we did. Yeah, I mean, it's been about, like, three or four days that it hasn't  
141 came in. So I'm not sure if that's due to, uh, staff downstairs 'cause I know  
142 they bring it from downstairs, but, uh, yeah, I haven't seen for, like, probably  
143 the past three days.  
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145 Q: And how many newspapers normally come up?  
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147 A: Uh, one.  
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149 Q: Is it a local newspaper?  
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151 A: Yeah. It's the San Jose Mercury News.  
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153 Q: Would it be f- safe to say that the newspapers that you have read, have there  
154 been articles regarding the death incident?  
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156 A: Yes.  
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158 Q: Okay.  
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160 Man: Yeah.  
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162 Q: Has anybody come up and - and, uh, talk to you about discouraging you to  
163 talk about the Sheriff's Investigators?  
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165 A: Uh, no.  
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167 Q: No? Okay. Any questions?  
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169 Q1: What's the feeling in there now?  
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171 A: Um, man, um, shoot, I mean, they're trying to give us more programs. They're  
172 just - you can just tell everything just changed.  
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174 Q1: Like, how? For the better - for the worst? They're trying to be nicer? They're  
175 trying to...  
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177 A: Yeah, tryin' to just be nicer.  
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179 Q1: ...mess with you guys?  
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181 A: Nah, just tryin' to be nicer and just, like, they're walkin' on egg shows, and  
182 they're just tryin' to make everybody comfortable so that way - I don't know.  
183 So - that's how it looks like - like.  
184  
185 Q1: Hey man, are you the guy that has the beef with about stamps?  
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187 A: Yeah. Yeah. Why? He told you about me?  
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189 Q1: Ah, you know what a lot of people - a lot of people - not necessarily him, but  
190 a lot of people have talked about during program that day - that day...  
191  
192 A: Yeah.  
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194 Q1: ...that there was some kind of beef over stamps.  
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196 A: Yeah. That...  
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198 Q1: And we didn't know if it was three or five.  
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200 A: Nah, it was only like two. But, like, I already talked to him. I was like, "Hey,  
201 check this out. Uh, just give me, like, your cookie, like." 'Cause he gets  
202 cookies 'cause he has a - like a soft (unintelligible) thing.  
203  
204 Q1: Mm-hm.  
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206 A: So he gets cookie like every lunch. "So - so check it out. Just give me a  
207 cookie, bro. I mean you're not gonna give up the two stamps. Forget about it.  
208 You know what I mean? Just get somethin' you can, you know what I mean?"  
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210 Q1: Did he?  
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212 A: No, he's like, "Hey, I'll give, uh, make sure you tell the trustee tomorrow."  
213 'Cause I hit him up today. I was like, "Hey what's up, bro? Did you, uh, save  
214 that for me?" He's like, "Oh, I forgot. I ate it. So, just, uh, ask the trustees  
215 tomorrow."  
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217 Q1: Any, uh, the feeling in the pod, you know, since then amongst, you know, the  
218 inmates everything the same? Do they treat each other better? Do they treat  
219 each other worse?  
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221 A: Uh, you know, I mean the chemistry in there, like, with inmates has been - it's  
222 totally been great.  
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224 Q1: All right.  
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226 A: I mean, that's probably one of the pods that I've been to that's, like, everybody  
227 gets along with everybody. And...  
228  
229 Q1: Except for  
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231 A: Except for - yeah. Well you know, cast off, you know? And, uh,  
232 and nobody really pays attention to him. You know? He - he always comes  
233 around and asks for coffee too, you know? But no - normally everybody has  
234 their own little program that they do. They play cards, or they're on the phone  
235 or watching the show, and then we're bein' - bein'...  
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237 Q1: (Unintelligible).  
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239 A: Yeah, good ca- yeah, everybody cool with everybody. You know, everybody  
240 gets along. You know, when - when promises are, you know, are made, like,  
241 of course everybody wants what, you know, they've been promised, you  
242 know. So it doesn't - there's - nobody, like, goes over like, "Hey, what the  
243 fuck. I'm gonna fuck you up if you don't give me that."  
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245 Q1: Right.  
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247 A: But it's like, "Hey, bro, you kinda told me that." And - and then if the  
248 individual doesn't come through it - it's like a dead issue. Like, forget about it,  
249 man, you know what I mean?  
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251 Q1: It's just kinda more man to man.  
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253 A: Yeah, you know, so...  
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255 Q1: Um, everything that you told me when I came, and I talked to you the first  
256 time...  
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258 A: Yeah.  
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260 Q1: ...that's all still - still true?  
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262 A: Yeah.  
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264 Q1: All right. I just wanna make sure.  
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266 A: Yeah.  
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268 Q1: I just wanna make sure.  
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270 Q: I just have one final question. I know sometimes, uh, the dorm officers will  
271 come in and - and address the whole dorm sort of expectations, you know, for  
272 the night or the day or the shift.  
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274 A: Right.  
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276 Q: Um, has any officer, uh, come into module 6B since the incident and sort of  
277 scolded you guys or...  
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279 A: Uh...  
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281 Q: ...made comments or remarks?  
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283 A: ...just lay down his rules, like, you're saying like - like...  
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285 Q: Well sometimes I know they come in, and they'll say, "Hey, you know this is  
286 the expectation for the shift, you know. Let's not, you know, whatever act out  
287 or whatever."  
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289 A: Right.  
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291 Q: So...  
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293 A: Right. Yeah. Yeah. We had, um, just, uh, one of- uh, one officer - two officers  
294 last night. Uh, the officer tonight - this team right here - he just, uh, said a few  
295 things, you know, uh, you know, keep the le- uh, voice level down, you know.  
296 Um, well he makes an announcement, like, when he opens your door. You  
297 know, you stand by the door, so he makes his announcement so that way you  
298 know what's his expectation.  
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300 Q: Sure.

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302 A: Like, you know what he wants. And just keep a little voice level down. You  
303 know, with pill call, get it done, get in, and get out. Faster we do it, the faster  
304 we program. So that's pretty much it.  
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306 Q: But how about as far as like talk about the incident. Has he - has an...

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308 A: No.

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310 Q: ...officer gone in there and said, "Hey, you know, this happened," and sort of  
311 given an opinion or somethin' like that?  
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313 A: No. No, no, no. Oh, well, you know, we got the Sheriff's, you know, sh- well,  
314 the - the Captains that come in there, you know, and, uh, announced if  
315 anybody wants, like, mental health or Chaplin. If that's what - somethin' else  
316 you guys...  
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318 Q: Okay.

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320 A: ...but yeah, that's about it. Especially right after the incident, they started  
321 coming in a lot askin' if anybody wanted counseling or talk to somebody.  
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323 Q: Okay. I don't have any further questions.

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325 Q1: You fearful for yourself in there?

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327 A: Uh, You know what, uh, I always had that feeling, you know, like, I always  
328 had a feelin' that somebody or - or myself might be killed by one of these  
329 officers. One- once, you know what I mean? It - it's just that feelin', bro. I  
330 mean, I - I've been here a year this time, but I did 2-1/2 years last time. And,  
331 uh, you know, these correctional officers, they - they have their ways with  
332 inmates. And, you know, and they - they, like I said, some target people, you  
333 know? And if you act like, you know, you act hard, you're gonna get it, you  
334 know? They're gonna fuck you up, man. So that was always somethin' I



335 always feared. But now, like, you know - you know, I'm not about that life or  
336 - or - or you know? I'm just tryin' to get in and out you know? So I ain't really  
337 right now in fear of my life. I'm only, like, 28 days in the house. What's  
338 today? October 8.

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340 Q1: Anything happen to you with the, uh, CO's before?

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342 A: Yeah. Yeah, most definitely. Uh, this is, uh, one of the reasons I'm up here is  
343 'cause I had an altercation with an officer. He, uh, I forgot his name but he - it  
344 was over a wristband. Somethin' real simple. And this - this is, like, one of the  
345 reasons why I fear some of these dudes, you know? You know, he asked me  
346 where my wristband. I told him I - I tossed away in - in part of the clothes  
347 exchange. I put in my brown's top. And that is all - all we had. And then I  
348 walked away. He's all, "I ain't fuckin' done with you. Get the fuck back over  
349 here." I'm like, "What? Hey man, you ain't gonna talk to me like they're your  
350 fuckin' kid," or - or like some kids, you know I mean? He goes, "What?" He's  
351 all, "Oh, you think you're smart, huh? You have a smart mouth." I'm all, "You  
352 know what, dude? Let me ask you for your keys goin' downstairs and goin'  
353 and get my own wristband is bein' a smart ass," you know what I mean? He  
354 said, "Oh, yeah. All right. We'll get - get your happy ass in here. Or else you  
355 ain't gonna like how - how I leave your house," you know? Meaning he's  
356 gonna go back to my dorm and toss up my things.

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358 Q1: Mm-hm.

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360 A: And as I was goin' back upstairs, uh, he was like, "Well, my name is so and  
361 such." You know, it's somethin' that I - I didn't remember 'cause you know it  
362 was like a jackass, you know what I mean? You know, he's making this day  
363 harder, making my day harder, you know what I mean?

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365 Q: Mm-hm.

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367 A: He needs to just come in do his job and just leave. But, uh, I went back to my  
368 house, and it was pretty jacked up - bed flipped around. Uh, I had, uh, earned  
369 a certificate for, uh, for, uh - uh, recovery, uh, dang, uh...

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371 Q: (Unintelligible) program?

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373 A: Yeah, it's a little program like 66, uh, 16 booklets and I got a certificate for  
374 completing that. And, uh, he, like, messed my certificate up - crumbled. He  
375 threw, uh, my tray inside my bin, opened up my milk, pulled, uh, my Colgate  
376 paste all the way out, and threw it all in one bin. So when I got to my house I

377 seen the bin all messed up. When I opened up the bin, that's what got me fired  
378 up. And I was like, "You son of a bitch, man. You act like a - like a fuckin'  
379 kid, man. Why would you come back and do all this? You could've fucked my  
380 shit up, like, throw a couple papers here and there. You gotta put paste and  
381 milk and trays in my shit? That's not right, man." And so, uh, they cuffed me  
382 up, but this dude really wanted my ass you could tell. But luckily I had an  
383 officer that was, uh, like you say, like, protecting me 'cause, uh, I even give  
384 him thanks every time he comes in here, uh, 'cause that dude was like, "You're  
385 a fuckin' faggot." Like what? "That's why we put you over here." "My man,  
386 don't tell me anything about your personal life, bro. I don't wanna hear it."  
387 You know what I mean? He's all, "Yeah, you probably sucked a couple dicks.  
388 That's why you're on PC. You know you're - you - you gave up, like being  
389 active on or on an active online...  
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391 Q: Mm-hm.

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393 A: ...is somethin' to be proud of," you know what I mean? So you know, and you  
394 got shit like that goin' on since we wear these brown tops, these officers think  
395 were either a sex offender or some weirdo or a You know, and it's, uh,  
396 that's somethin' you know you gotta expect from these guys, you know?  
397 They're a gang of their own, you know?  
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399 Q: But the incident that you just talked about it wasn't nothing physical? It was  
400 all verbal?  
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402 A: Yeah, well I got cuffed, and you know just a little manhandled, of course, you  
403 know? That's how they get down you know?  
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405 Q: Tell us about that.

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407 A: Uh, shoot you know. Uh, like I said I had a cool officer on me, man. But it - if  
408 there was anybody else I'm pretty sure I woulda been on the ground gettin'  
409 punched and kicked, man. Just like a lot of these individuals that come in  
410 here. Uh, luckily like I said I had that officer, you know, he jammed me up  
411 like, "Let's set this out. Just shut up, you know." He's pretty much tellin' me,  
412 like, don't say anything 'cause this dude - he really gots a hard-on for you right  
413 now. And if you do somethin' stupid, like, try to go towards him or say  
414 anything dumb he's gonna fuck you up, you know?  
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416 Q: But when they handcuffed you did they use any sort of pain compliance or  
417 was - was it just sort of...  
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419 A: Just...

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421 Q: ...a - a normal...

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423 A: ... yeah. Yeah, yeah, no, like, normal restraints, you know. Just put a li- pa-

424 put a little pressure on my wrist, you know, to, you know - you know, I guess

425 control me but I really, I mean, I wasn't any - I wasn't a threat you know, but -

426 yeah.

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428 Q1: And the officer that took care of that day. What was his name?

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430 A: (Tyler).

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432 Q: (Tyler)?

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434 A: (Tyler).

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436 Q: That was the one.

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438 A: That was a good one, man. Yeah. That and...

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440 Q1: Did you file a grievance?

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442 A: No, no I don't - I don't play cop, bro, honestly. You know that - well, that's my

443 get down you know? So, but shit like this, man, like somebody getting killed

444 over, you know? That's somethin' different man, you know, just say at least

445 somethin', bro, you know?

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447 Q: What unit was that in when you got rolled up?

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449 A: I was in Siberia with it - it's, uh, 3rd west. Yeah. And, uh...

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451 Q: How long ago?

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453 A: Uh, 3-1/2 months ago. Once - once I got into this unit. They escorted from

454 there up here. I was in a - I was a level three, and then they brought me up

455 here, and they threw me in the red pants and...

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457 Q1: Oh, over that?

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459 A: Over that. Yeah. That's what now I gotta get shackled up everywhere I go, and

460 it's - it's uncomfortable. Something I...

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462 Q: So it would be safe to say it was sort of a - a verbal, uh, um, disrespect that  
463 you had with the officer? 'Cause, he asked you about the wristband, and then  
464 you walked away, and then all of a sudden the exchange happened.  
465  
466 A: Uh...  
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468 Q: Is that why they rolled you up?  
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470 A: No, well tell you truth, uh, I asked for assistance in Siberia, and I was like, "I  
471 want a grievance." I was gonna grievance him, you know what I mean?  
472  
473 Q: Mm-hm.  
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475 A: But, uh, this dude's like, "Come out here and get it." Like, so pretty much he  
476 was, uh, how would you say, uh...  
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478 Q: Challenging?  
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480 A: ...challenging me to come out there and go pretty much you know, see if I  
481 fuckin' go out there and - and put my hands on him. I'm not dumb. You know  
482 what I mean? I put my hands on him that's another charge. I'm not goin' home.  
483 I already have a date - released day, you know? And I know they're gonna  
484 look me up, you know what I mean? Probably break an arm, you know? So  
485 I'm cool. I'd rather have all my limbs con- you know, connected and then, uh...  
486  
487 Q: Mm-hm.  
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489 A: ...take the bullshit, you know what I mean? Then go over here, get these red  
490 pants, and get released on my release date, you know what I mean? So you  
491 know, I don't think I should be in these red pants for that incident. But if that  
492 be challenging, you know, like I said to how to cuff me up and yeah. I was  
493 just gettin' a bunch of shit from that little motherfucker. Excuse my language.  
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495 Q: You don't remember the officer's name?  
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497 A: No. Yeah, I really don't remember.  
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499 Q: Was he like a - a seasoned officer? Was kind of a young officer?  
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501 A: Uh...  
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503 Q: When I say young, maybe I should clarify, like, newly on the job or...  
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505 A: Nah, he look like, you know what I mean, his attitude and the way he - he  
506 presented himself looked like he had a couple of years behind his belt.  
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508 Q: Okay.  
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510 A: Like you know, he's been fuckin' doin' this for a minute, you know, messin'  
511 with people. So...  
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513 Q1: Twenty-eight days, man.  
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515 A: Twenty-eight days, that's it.  
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517 Q1: Twenty-eight days.  
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519 A: That's it. So I - I ain't gettin' into it with these cops here. Yeah, I just shut up  
520 and just go back to my cell. Which I haven't though, you know, ever since the  
521 incident, but just - just trying to keep it cool, just go home. Go home. I'm  
522 gettin' on parole probation. So pretty much this is gonna work for a little bit,  
523 pack my bags, I'm outta here. Forget county. Forget Santa Clara County. I just  
524 wanna get away.  
525  
526 Q: Yeah.  
527  
528 A: Especially after all this and all that stuff out there on the streets, bro, people  
529 gettin' killed by cops. That - that's somethin' you don't wanna be around it  
530 anymore, you know?  
531  
532 Q: Mm-hm.  
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534 A: I'm on this side for a reason. Tryin' to leave the lifestyle. Tryin' to go home.  
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536 Q: Any questions?  
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538 Q1: All right, man.  
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540 Q: Cool. You know, I didn't, uh, say at the time that we started, but it was about  
541 3:10. So we're gonna end the interview. It's about 3:27.  
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543 Q1: All right.  
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545 A: All right, guys.

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547 Q: Thank you.

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549 A: All right. Thanks.

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552 This transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate  
553 transcription.

554 Signed \_\_\_\_\_